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INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF FRUITS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether target has not been achieved for setting up big and small nursery for Integrated Development of Fruits during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the efforts made by the Government to achieve the target in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b) During the Eighth Five Year Plan, 54 big and 421 small nurseries were established against a target of 85 big and 350 small nurseries respectively. The shortfall in achieving the target of big nurseries was mainly due to the high cost involved in its establishment through the Public Sector/State Government.

(c) During the IX Five Year Plan, it has been envisaged to encourage the big and small nurseries in the Private Sector under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Integrated Development of Fruits.Assistance for nurseries is being provided with effect from the year 2000-01 as back ended subsidy linked with institutional financing @ 25% of the total cost subject to a maximum ceiling of Rs.8.00 lakhs for big nurseries and Rs.2.00 lakhs for small nurseries. During the Eighth Plan the maximum assistance for big nurseries was Rs.18.00 lakhs while for the small nurseries the assistance was limited to Rs.0.20 lakhs per nursery.